

Amendments to Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 4-23, as follows:

In a preferred embodiment, the present invention is a toughened polyamide composition having enhanced surface adhesion properties with or without use of a coupling compound. A composition of the present invention comprises a free-flowing PVB composition as a toughener, as described in WO 02/12356, incorporated herein by reference. A composition of the present invention comprises from about 5 wt% to about 30 wt%, preferably from about 5 wt% to about 28 wt%, more preferably from about 6 wt% to about 25 wt%, and most preferably from about 7 wt% to about 25 wt% of a free-flowing PVB composition. The toughener comprises from about 20 to about 95 wt%, preferably from about 40 wt% to about 95 wt%, more preferably from about 60 wt% to about 95 wt%, and most preferably from about 75 wt% to about 95 wt% PVB. The compositions and blends of this invention can be prepared by mixing or blending a free-flowing toughener with nylon, an optional coupling agent, and other ingredients to produce a toughened polyamide blend having enhanced surface properties.